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St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update
of Current Events
and Happenings
within St. Lucie**

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Board of County Commissioners Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled

- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting for the 1st reading of Land Development Code Revisions, 1st reading of Transfer Development Rights Ordinances and the 2nd reading of Towns, Villages and Countryside Comprehensive Plan Amendment/Final Adoption on Monday, May 15 at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on the Brownfield Designation on Tuesday, May 22 at 6 p.m. at the St. Lucie County International Airport Administration Building.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Space Needs Study Workshop on Wednesday, May 24 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold the 2nd Public Hearing to include the final readings of the Land Development Code Revisions and of the Transfer Development Rights Ordinances on Tuesday, May 30 at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Hurricane Preparedness Workshop on Friday, June 9 from 9 a.m. until noon in the Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold an Infrastructure Workshop on Monday, June 19 from 9 a.m. until noon in the Commission Chambers.
- The Port St. Lucie City Council will host a Joint Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners and the City of Fort Pierce Commission on Thursday, July 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Community Center.

Indian River Estate Potable Water Update

In 2002, the Board of County Commissioners approved the supply of potable water in Indian River Estates and, in 2003, reconfirmed their decision by outlining that St. Lucie County Utilities would be the provider. The project, expected to cost \$13.5 million, will be placed out for bids no later than June. After the bids are received, a follow-up meeting with the property owners will take place to provide tentative assessment amounts and to discuss any construction or utility concerns. Assessments for the water will be levied this summer, and if the assessment is not prepaid, then the assessment will be placed on the 2007 property tax bill for a period of twenty years. The County's State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) will fund 50% of the assessment for homesteaded residents who qualify. The Indian River Estates Homeowners' Association has formed an Oversight Committee to assist residents with questions regarding the project. St. Lucie County will mail an information packet to residents, including a list of committee members to contact, in the coming months. Construction is expected to begin in December 2006 and will take approximately 14 months to complete. Water service should be available in March 2008.

Burn Ban In Place Countywide

On May 3, 2006, St. Lucie County declared a State of Emergency due to drought conditions and issued a countywide burn ban. Additionally, an irrigation restriction for St. Lucie County Utilities customers is in place with no lawn watering between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, call (772) 462-1150.

Free Admission to the Historical Museum on May 18

Celebrate International Museum Day on Thursday, May 18th and enjoy free admission to the St. Lucie County Historical Museum at 414 Seaway Drive on Museum Pointe in Fort Pierce. The Museum is open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

New Pool Fees for This Summer

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners recently approved a new pool fee schedule for the Open Space and Paradise Park pools effective May 27 – the day both pools open for the summer. Daily user fee is \$2 for the Open Space pool and \$1 for the Paradise Park pool. The newly renovated Open Space pool is located at 1211 Avenue M in Fort Pierce. The renovations included the addition of a zero depth entry and heated water. Future additions to the pool include an interactive splash park. Paradise Park pool is located at 2020 Juanita Avenue in Fort Pierce. The County's third pool, Ravenswood pool located at 200 S.W. Ravenswood Lane in Port St. Lucie, is open year-round and had previously charged user fees. For a complete listing of daily, seasonal and rental fees for each pool, visit the website at www.co.st-lucie.fl.us/leisure/aquatics/ or call (772) 462-1515.

Public Visioning Meetings for Port St. Lucie Yacht Club Replacement Facility

St. Lucie County will hold two Public Visioning Meetings to discuss the Port St. Lucie Yacht Club replacement facility. The meetings, scheduled for Monday, May 15 and Thursday, May 25 at 6 p.m., will take place at the Oxbow Eco-Center located at 5400 N.E. St. James Drive in Port St. Lucie.

Master Gardeners Presentation

The St. Lucie County Master Gardeners will present "Right Plant/Right Place" at the St. Anastasia Parish Hall, located at 407 South 33rd Street in Fort Pierce on Saturday, May 20 at 2 p.m. Contact Tammy Davies at (772) 408-2656. Pre-registration is recommended but not required.

Solid Waste Baling and Recycling Facility Expansion

On May 9, the Board of County Commissioners approved to award David Engineering and Construction, Inc. the contract for expansion of the Baling and Recycling Facility at a cost of \$1.5 million. Construction of the Baling and Recycling Facility expansion is scheduled to begin in May and should be complete by September of this year.

Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

Catch the Oxbow Blues ~ May 20 at 7 p.m. ~ Piano Bob's 88's kicks off the 2006 Natural Jazz and Blues Concert Series with his Swing Blues sounds. Tickets are \$15 and \$18. For more information, call (772) 785-5833.

Junior Naturalist Summer Camp ~ June 12-16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Young nature-lovers and budding biologists will thrive at the Oxbow Eco-Center's Junior Naturalist Summer Camp. This day camp focuses on nature study and artistic expression. For children ages 8-11. Cost is \$150. For more information, contact Wren Underwood at underwoe@stlucieco.gov or call (772) 785-5842.

Hurricane Preparedness Programs at the Downtown Fort Pierce Library

June is "hurricane preparedness month" at the Fort Pierce Library and the Library will present a series of **free** programs to help residents "weather the storm season!" All programs will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Library located at 101 Melody Lane in downtown Fort Pierce.

- June 7, "Things You Need to Know" presented by the St. Lucie County Emergency Management Team
- June 8, "Your House, Your Family and You" presented by Karla Lenfesty from The Hurricane House
- June 14, "Prepare Now!" presented by The American Red Cross
- June 15, "What the Heck is a Hurricane?" presented by Mike Lyons, WPBF News 25 Chief Weather
- June 22, "Animals and Hurricanes" presented by the St. Lucie County Humane Society

For more information about these or any programs at the Fort Pierce Library, call (772) 462-2787.

Morningside Library Events

Current Events Discussion Group ~ Every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Manga Youth Book Discussion Club ~ Every Monday from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

Monday Musings Book Discussion ~ Every second Monday of the month at 3 p.m.

Tuesdays with Maureen Book Discussion ~ Every first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. All discussion groups are open for drop-ins. Call 337-5632 for more information.

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